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SUBJ: EMBASSY REPORTEDLY LINKED WITH MITSUI BOMBING

1. AS SECOND TERRORIST BOMB ATTACK ON MAJOR BUSINESS FIRM WITHIN SIX-WEEK PERIOD, BOMBING OF MITSUI BUSSAN HEAD OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN TOKYO SHORTLY AFTER ONE P.M. OCTOBER 14 CAME AS SHOCK TO LOCAL POPULACE. PRESS AND TV COMMENTATORS WORRY ABOUT AN APPARENT DRIFT TOWARD EXTREMIST VIOLENCE, BUT LACK OF ANY CLEAR LEADS ON PERPETRATORS OF EITHER MITSUBISHI OR MITSUI BOMBINGS PREVENTS EMERGENCE OF CLEARER VIEWS.

2. FOR INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT, FOLLOWING OCTOBER 14 BOMBING OF MITSUI BUSSAN BUILDING, POLICE CALLED EMBASSY TO INQUIRE WHETHER MINISTER SHOESMITH OR ANY EMBASSY PERSONNEL HAD RECEIVED PHONE CALL THAT DAY REFERRING TO BOMB INCIDENT. POLICE TOLD US THAT AT ABOUT TIME OF BOMB EXPLOSION, THEY HAD BEEN CALLED BY AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO ASSERTED THAT HE HAD CALLED U.S. EMBASSY TO WARN MINISTER THAT MITSUI BUSSAN WOULD BE BOMBED AND THAT BOMBING WOULD BE "YOUR FAULT." INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT NO SUCH CALL HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE EMBASSY BUT THAT THERE HAD INDEED BEEN A CALL THAT DAY AT

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THE SHOESMITH RESIDENCE BY AN ANONYMOUS CALLER WHOSE

MESSAGE APPARENTLY CONSISTED OF A VERBAL ATTACK ON "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM." ACCORDING TO SHOESMITH MAID WHO RECEIVED THE CALL, IT WAS ONE OF SEVERAL SUCH CALLS MADE RECENTLY APPARENTLY BY THE SAME PERSON AND ON THE SAME THEME.

3. SINCE EXACT TIMING OF CALL REPORTED TO POLICE IS NOT CLEAR, IT IS NOT YET DETERMINED WHETHER IT WAS MADE BEFORE OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER MITSUI BOMBING TOOK PLACE. IF IT WAS AFTER EVENT, THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT A CRANK CALLER SIMPLY MADE REFERENCE TO THE BOMBING WHICH WAS IN NEWS BROADCASTS VERY SHORTLY AFTER THE EVENT. IT WAS NOT LONG, HOWEVER, BEFORE RUMORS OF A CALL LINKING THE EMBASSY AND THE BOMBING STIMULATED A SPATE OF PRESS INQUIRIES.

4. IN ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN MITSUI BOMBING AND CALLS TO MINISTER'S RESIDENCE, ALTHOUGH POLICE SUSPECT THERE MIGHT BE. THEY ARE CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIGATIONS AND HAVE STRENGTHENED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT SHOESMITH RESIDENCE. EMBASSY OF COURSE IS REVIEWING AND TIGHTENING SECURITY MEASURES FOR EMBASSY AS A WHOLE. HODGSON

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